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1. I INFORMED GOS DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINDEF GOH KENG SWEE ON OCTOBER 23 OF BASIC INGREDIENTS OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT SALES PACKAGE TO SINGAPORE. DAO WILL DISCUSS DETAILS WITH APPROPRIATE MINDEF OFFICIALS.

2. DR. GOH WAS VERY PLEASED WITH SALES PACKAGE, AND APPRECIATED EXPLANATION I GAVE HIM IN GENERAL TERMS RE C-130S; WE COULD NOT ASSURE THIS PARTICULAR TYPE OF AIRCRAFT DUE TO PRIORITY REQUIREMENTS OF US RESERVE COMPONENTS, BUT WE WERE STILL TRYING TO WORK OUT ALTERNATIVES WHICH WOULD SUIT SINGAPORE'S NEEDS.

3. DR. GOH HAD NO PROBLEM RE INFORMING MALAYSIA OF THE TRANSACTION, AND SAID PM RAZAK WOULD BE TOLD PERSONALLY. HE AGREED THOROUGHLY WHEN I EXPLAINED THAT OUR MILITARY SALES PROGRAM TO BOTH SINGAPORE AND MALAYSIA HAD AS A PRIMARY CONSIDERATION THE MAINTENANCE OF CONTINUED TRUST AND FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE
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TWO COUNTRIES. CHARACTERISTICALLY HE REMARKED THAT RAZAK WAS

"NO PROBLEM", AND BLAMED MALAYSIAN SUSPICIONS OF SINGAPORE ON OTHERS AROUND RAZAK. HE INDICATED FULL APPROVAL OF OUR EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING PACKAGE FOR MALAYSIA.

4. IN SEEKING EARLY APPOINTMENT TO INFORM DR. GOH OF PACKAGE FOR SINGAPORE, I HAD IN MIND THAT OUR POSITIVE RESPONSE MIGHT ADD SOME WEIGHT TO OUR ARGUMENTS REGARDING GOS SUPPORT ON KOREAN ITEM IN UNGA. HOLDRIDGE

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